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Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, USN,
Director of Central Intelligence,
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My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Reference is made to Central Intelligence Agency letter of 13 July 1950, subject: Control and Release of Navy Classified Matter. This letter requested that authority be delegated to the Security Classification Control Officers of certain bureaus, offices, and activities of the Department of the Navy to approve the disclosure to the Central Intelligence Agency of classified material, up to and including Secret, produced by those bureaus, offices, and activities.

As you know, the classified information produced by the various bureaus and offices of the Navy Department is contemplated primarily for use in connection with combat and operational equipment. Access to this information is limited in distribution to those persons having a need therefor. In determining the need for access for intelligence purposes, the bureaus and offices of the Navy Department naturally rely on the Office of Naval Intelligence for assistance. I consider this procedure proper and desire its continuance.

It is, therefore, regretted that I am unable to concur in the proposal concerning the delegation of authority for disclosures. However, any recommendations you may have as to improvement of the present method of obtaining classified material through liaison with the Office of Naval Intelligence will be welcomed.

Cordially yours,

/s/

JAMES FIFE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief of Naval Operations

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